



member and a small gear which is meshed with the large gear and rotates with power transmission from the motor,

the small gear is fixed to a projecting portion of a transmission shaft supported in a transmission housing loosely fitted into a part of the first housing or the second housing and having a mounting seat for the motor on one side, the projecting portion projecting from the other side of the transmission housing.

**3. (original)** The steering apparatus for a vehicle as set forth in claim 2, further comprising a mesh adjusting section for adjusting a mesh state of the small gear and large gear by changing a position of the transmission housing in a radial direction within a range of loose fitting clearance between the transmission housing and the first housing or the second housing.

**4. (previously presented)** The steering apparatus for a vehicle as set forth in claim 3, wherein a transmission housing is loosely fitted and fixed within a motor support cylinder projecting outward from a first housing or the second housing, and an adjustment screw is provided as the mesh adjusting section which is capable of applying an adjusting force to the transmission housing by penetrating a peripheral wall of the motor support cylinder from the outside to the inside thereof so as to move the transmission housing within the motor support cylinder by spiral movement of the adjustment screw.

**5. (canceled)**

**6. (currently amended)** The steering apparatus for a vehicle as set forth in claim 1 [[5]], wherein the angular ball bearings are fixed by a preload nut that is loosely held by a stopper ring.